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THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS IN THE WHITLESEY CASE

J. M. Reisinger Presents a Signed
Statement of the Affair.

The following statement concerning the late Whitlesey case has been made by J. M. Reisinger, principal witness for the territory:

Perhaps none of the readers of The Republican have perused the articles published in the recent Whitlesey case with a view to separating the evidence pro and con. If not, I ask all who have taken an interest in it, and especially those who know the name of Reisinger, to re-read these articles with that view in mind. They will then perhaps wonder how it happened that Cochise county ever found a bill against Whitlesey for the shooting of Mrs. Engle, and that it paid several thousand dollars to prosecute a man against whom there was absolutely no evidence at all.

Then they should read The Republican of May 6 and see how he was convicted for this offense last November, and on what grounds he obtained a new trial. This evidence has been reproduced but not published.

Then this man "J. L. Reisinger" must be a demon indeed. "Hush! Hush! Don't call the man a demon. Yes, I repeat it. No demon in hell could be more worthy of the name. For he went into a home, it is alleged, under the pretense of courtship, and in "one month" snatched the affections of Mrs. Whitlesey from her kind-hearted, good-natured, temperate and loving husband. At this time Mrs. Whitlesey became engaged with jealousy and quarrels with Reisinger. Who could a such treatment without gently raising his voice? But Reisinger did not put up with quarrelling. He left the premises and took Mrs. Whitlesey and the children with him. Fickle women and men who break up homes do not usually care for children. But these two took the squalling kids on a kind of wedding tour—all the way from Bisbee to Tombstone—and after all this Mrs. Whitlesey had the audacity to sue for a divorce, which was granted her. Whitlesey fought the case, desiring the custody of the children, and being sharp as a briar, drew up a number of tremendous charges against their mother. It seems curious that in spite of the fact that Reisinger, the spoiler of homes, being a witness for the woman he was said to have eloped with, the judge granted Mrs. Whitlesey her divorce and denied Whitlesey the custody of his children.

BOOK ON POLICE METHODS.

William McAdoo, former secretary of the navy and commissioner of police of New York city, has written a book on police methods under the title of "Guarding a Great City." He has put into the book many serious reflections of his own regarding the duties of the police force and its officials and about the duty of the public in supporting reform methods. McAdoo sketches the ideal police commissioner, and then says of President Roosevelt: "He was strict and a severe disciplinarian as police commissioner, but just, fair, square and manly, and is revered by the police to this day."

LEIPZIG PROFESSOR RESIGNS.

Professor Wilhelm Ostwald has resigned the professorship of chemistry at the University of Leipzig as a result of his displeasure at the lack of support accorded to his chemical researches. He will establish a private laboratory. Dr. Ostwald lectured at Harvard a few months ago under the arrangement for the exchange of professors between American and German universities.

SOLE REMAINING IRVING.

George Irving, the last surviving nephew of Washington Irving, marvelously hale and active at 82, is living at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York. Mr. Irving is practically the sole remaining member of the Irving family, of which he is engaged in writing a history.

OPERA WITHOUT SCENERY.

Leoncavallo, the composer-conductor, who will visit this country next season with an orchestra of sixty-five musicians, will give an entire opera and miscellaneous numbers, without costume or scenery, and will bring eight singers to aid him.

Flynn—Oh tell 'em they're no use trying to kidnap the Chinese. Mulhoolley—An' phy not?
Flynn—Oh just asked 'em as 'thim the Chinese wur-rud for St. Patrick's day an' beaded, he couldn't tell me—American Spectator.

Backley—Is she from a branch of any particular family tree?
Wabash—I don't know, but if she is it's a peach tree.

It appears Whitlesey went to the house of Mrs. Engle to see his wife, recently divorced. Mrs. Engle, fearing Whitlesey would do her the honor of shooting his wife into execution, refused him admittance, whereupon Whitlesey pulled his gun to force an entrance. The plucky Mrs. Engle quickly closed the door, but almost immediately felt the sting of a bullet fired through the panel of the door. Fortunately the wound proved only slight, being a flesh wound in the arm.

"Leaving the front of the house."

Whitlesey went to the side window, peering in to shoot again, when J. M. Reisinger, a cousin of Mrs. Whitlesey, who was in the house, came to the window with a gun and fired at the intruder, ranging through against the backbone. Whitlesey fell, but still thirsted for gore and kept on shooting until his pistol was empty, the shots going wild.

"Reisinger was arrested by Sheriff Hunt, while Whitlesey was taken to the hospital and treated by Dr. Hughart."

"Today Reisinger was given a preliminary hearing and discharged, the evidence showing he acted in defense of himself and occupants of the house, since Whitlesey seemed bent on shooting somebody."

"Dr. Hughart reports that Whitlesey is paralyzed from the effect of the shot and the chance of his recovery is slight."

"Mrs. Whitlesey states that since she obtained a divorce last Monday her husband repeatedly threatened her life. He had been drinking heavily and was arrested the day before for disturbing the peace."

Below are the facts concerning the breaking up of Whitlesey's home: I am J. Monroe Reisinger, son of Wm. Reisinger of Burnet county, Texas. Mrs. Whitlesey was formerly Laura Reisinger, daughter of Jas. Reisinger of Llano county, Texas. Wm. Reisinger's second wife is a sister to Laura Whitlesey's mother. My own mother and Mrs. Whitlesey's father are both long since dead. At the age of 17 Laura Reisinger married Roy Whitlesey and went west with him. The marriage was unhappy and they frequently separated.

On or about January 7, 1906, I went to Bisbee and a week later learned that Mr. and Mrs. Whitlesey were once more reconciled and living together there. They had joined the Christian church and attending services with them I was introduced by Whitlesey with the words "this is our cousin." From February to April I saw but little of them, but they in April moved near my place of employment with the C. & A. Mining company and as they were keeping boarders insisted upon my taking my meals with them. I believed they were living happily, but on May 14 learned from Whitlesey himself that they were at warfare. He said, "I had my picture taken with the cook and the woman flew off the handle and stopped the boarding house."

This quarrel proved irreconcilable and was followed by another as to who should take the children. Mrs. Whitlesey concluded to let the law decide and her husband blamed me for influencing her. I admit that she asked my advice and that I gave it. Whitlesey told me, with a gun in his belt, accompanied with a half threat on my life, that if the matter came to law he would "scandalize" me. I thought this a bluff and heeded it not. As he had often threatened his wife's life during their continued disagreements, she became at last so frightened that existence was a misery and felt that as her relative I should see that he did not murder her.

Acting upon her lawyer's advice to keep out of the way pending the divorce proceedings I took her and her children to Tombstone. I left there to obtain work and Mrs. Whitlesey went to the house of Mrs. Engle and stayed for several days after the divorce suit began on July 25. She gained the suit and Whitlesey drank heavily and acted so badly that his gun was taken from him by the hotelkeeper. He obtained it again on the 27th, when the shooting took place, mentioned in the foregoing article from the Prospector.

As soon as possible afterward Mrs. Whitlesey returned to the home of her mother in Llano, Texas, where she has since resided. I have spent the time in or near Phoenix.

Now, if this is breaking up a home, I am guilty. If it is a crime to save the life of a woman, I am a criminal. But if guilty and a criminal, why does not some one bring a charge against me and try me? Will any one blame a man for protecting his near relative who had no one else to turn to? Will any one blame a mother for wanting to keep her little girl babies? And what should right minded people think of a man who willfully defames the mother of his children, knowing her entire innocence of the charges he brings against her?

God is my witness that in this whole matter I have wished and tried to do only what was right and my entire duty. I have done no wrong and brought no disgrace upon my name.

J. MONROE REISINGER.
Phoenix, Ariz., June 2, 1906.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS.

The following transcripts of the records of the offices of the district clerk, the probate court and the county recorder are furnished by the Arizona Abstract and Title company.

The records for yesterday were.

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